(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The workload of Telecom District, Mau which includes Deoria Revenue District, is not sufficient to justify a separate DET for Deoria.

Telephone Connections From M.P. Quota

1920. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been delay in installation of telephone connections by the department even after the recommendation and confirmation by the hon'ble Members of Parliament, from their quota; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Sir, generally telephone connections against the sanctions issued from the quota of the Hon'ble M.Ps are provided within spcified period of 30 days from the date of issue of sanction orders. However, in some cases delay occurs in implementing such ordes due to technical reasons, such as non-availability of cable pairs, exchange capacity etc.

(b) Provision of these telephone sanctions is being monitored in the Telecom Commission Headqarters and strict instructions are issued, wherever delay is noticed, to the CGMs concerned to make all around efforts to provide telephone connections at the earliest.

[English]

Rural Post Offices

1921. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Post Offices in the country, category wise andState wise;

(b) the average population covered by Post Offices, State wise; and

(c) the number of Post Offices opened during 1995-96, State wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The total number of Post Offices in the Country, category wise and Postal Circle-wise as on date are given in satement-I

(b) and (c): The average population covered by Post Offices, Postal Circle- wise and the number of Post Offices o[ened during 1995-96 Postal Circle-wise are given in the enclosed statement-II.

STATEMENT - I

Details of Post Offices, Category-wise

	Name of State	Head Post Offices (HOs)	Depart-mental Sub Post Offices (DSOs)	Extra Dept. Sub Post Offices (EDSOs)	Extra Deptl. Branch Post Offices (EDBOs)	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	104	2361	53	13660	16178
2.	Assam	16	581	36	3185	3818
3.	Bihar	42	1425	127	10195	11789
4.	Delhi	9	410	22	113	554
5.	Gujarat	42	1359	47	7470	8918
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	2	-	32	34
	Daman & Diu	-	6	-	11	17
6.	Haryana	15	452	14	2116	2597
7.	Himachal Pradesh	17	441	18	2272	2748
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	9	240	31	1328	1608
9.	Karnataka	69	1770	301	7659	9799
10.	Kerala	51	1445	527	3013	5036
	Lakshadweep	-	6	3	1	10
11.	Madhya Pradesh	52	1363	98	9720	11233